Coffman Named Legislator of the Year by Paralyzed Veterans

(WASHINGTON) – Congressman Mike Coffman, R-CO, has been selected by the Mountain States Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (MSCPVA) as its 2011 Legislator of the Year. The MSCPVA said they chose to honor Coffman for his dedication to Colorado veterans and for his ongoing support of their organization as a federal lawmaker in Washington, D.C.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the Mountain States Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America and I am truly humbled to receive this recognition," Coffman said. "The seriously injured soldiers helped by the MSCPVA have sacrificed so much for the rest of us and they deserve everything they need to live full and productive lives upon returning from service."

Coffman regularly visits with paralyzed and wounded soldiers at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland and he says that he always looks forward to attending the MSCPVA's Annual Membership & VA Appreciation Picnic each summer in Aurora, Colorado.

"Representative Mike Coffman has been an involved Congressman with our member community and shown interest and support for the work of the Mountain States Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America, and for that, we are thankful," Jessica Sweeney, government relations director for the MSCPVA, said.

The MSCPVA will recognize Coffman, a Marine Corps combat veteran, at its Annual Membership and Sponsors Appreciation Banquet, which will be held on October 14 in Littleton, Colorado.

The MSCPVA was established in 1955 and serves paralyzed veterans in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and Utah. In addition to serving as an advocate for paralyzed veterans in the area, the MSCPVA also provides grants to its members allowing them to participate in rehabilitation and sports programs as well continuing their education. To learn more about MSCPVA, visit www.mscpva.org.

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